



PERMIT APPLICATION TO HOUSE CHICKENS

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name and Address of Owner of Premises *: _____

Tax Map Number: _____ Lot Size: _____ # of Chickens: _____

The housing of chickens in the Town of Guilderland is subject to the following conditions and requirements:

1. The maximum number of hens is six (6).
2. Roosters are prohibited.
3. The keeping of chickens shall be for personal use and not for a commercial basis.
4. The outdoor slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
5. The keeping of chickens is limited to rear yards.
6. A henhouse shall be provided and shall provide safe and healthy living conditions for chickens while minimizing adverse impacts to neighboring properties, and shall be enclosed on all sides and have a roof and doors. The henhouse shall be constructed at least two feet above the surface of the ground. Access doors shall be shut and secured at night. Windows and vents shall be covered with predator and bird-proof wire of less than one-inch openings.
7. A chicken pen shall be provided and shall consist of wire fencing, and shall be covered with wire, aviary netting, or solid roofing.
8. The henhouse and chicken pen shall provide adequate ventilation, sun, and shade and shall be impermeable to rodents and predators, including, but not limited to, birds, dogs, and cats. The property owner shall take all reasonable steps to eliminate the potential infestation of insects and parasites.

9. A chicken pen and henhouse shall be subject to the provisions for accessory structures, except that such structures shall have a minimum rear yard and side yard setback of twenty (20) feet.
10. Chickens shall be kept in an enclosure at all times. During daylight hours, chickens may be allowed outside chicken pens in a secured fenced yard if supervised. During non-daylight hours, chickens shall be secured withing a henhouse.
11. Enclosures shall be clean, dry, odor-free, and kept in a sanitary condition, in a manner that shall not disturb the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties due to noise, odor, or other adverse impact.
12. Odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other chicken-related substances shall not be perceptible beyond the property boundary.
13. Only fully shielded lighting shall be used to light the exterior of the henhouse.
14. Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. Such feed and water shall be unavailable to rodents and predators.
15. Provisions shall be made for storing and removing chicken manure in a sanitary manner. All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. The henhouse, chicken pen, and surrounding area shall be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings. Uneaten feed shall be removed in a timely manner.
16. The applicant shall allow Zoning Administrator to enter upon and inspect the property to determine compliance with the provisions of this section.
17. Compliance with additional or modified conditions imposed by the Town Board regarding the keeping chickens.

**Any variation from any of these conditions shall
require an application for a different interpretation of 280-14(A).**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Building Department Review: _____

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____